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A. Report concerning the hydrofoil boats built at the Rosslau shipyard; luggers under construction at VEB Volkswerft Stralsund; and a dredge built at VEB Schiffswerft Neptun, Rostock. This report mentions that in December 1956, VEB Volkswerft Stralsund received orders

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B. Report concerning the repair program of the Stralsund shipyard for 1956; shortages and personnel problems of VEB Schiffswerft Neptun, Rostock, and VEB Warnowwerft Warnemuende (2 pages).

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C. Report concerning problems of VEB Warnowwerft in the construction of 10,000-ton ships and material shortages.

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1. The shipbuilding and repair shipyard STRALSUND fulfilled its repair program 130% in 1956. In repairing coast motorships they used a new fusing method by which the repair time was reduced to one-half.

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2. The NEPTUN Shipyard

At the present time there is a shortage of both the necessary sheet steel and plates that are necessary for manufacturing hulls. Quite a few shipyard workers were transferred to factories in the heavy industry already some weeks ago.

At the present time the shipyard's electro-welders work in the lignite concern BÖHLEN (15) and in the lignite mine GROSS-ZÜSSEN (12).

3. The WARNOW Shipyard

For the operation of each of the 24 trolleys in the WARNOW Shipyard's cable-crane (translated directly) 3 men are needed, in other words a total of 72 men, and in addition 72 assistant workers are needed. The crane can only be used lengthwise, not crosswise.

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1. **ROSTOCK**

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The 4 10,000 tons ships of which the two first ones, "Frieden" and "Völkerverfreundschaft," were supposed to be delivered already in November/December 1956 are still lying alongside the equipment quay at "Warnow-Werft." Since the final date for delivery has not been maintained, the "Warnow-Werft"s equipment quay has great difficulties. At best 3 large ships can be equipped at the same time. Therefore, the shipyard management cannot find any way out of the coming difficulties which will arise because the shipbuilding is continuing, and the next deadlines for launching must be kept.

2. **WARNOW-WERFT**

There is an unusually big shortage of materials. A big part of the workers have taken leave or are going to. The shipyard's carpenter shop is advertising in the newspapers for orders from other firms. The shortage of steel is felt the most. Only one 10,000 tons ship is completed and can be launched in March 1957. The other three slipways are empty.

Due to the shortage of materials, the delivery firm in Halberstadt cannot make deliveries.

4 of the 6 necessary engines have been built into one of the four 10,000 tons ships.

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1. The Elben Shipyard, ROSSLAU

The "wing boats" (translated literally from "baereplanbaade") of light-alloy metal built at the Elben Shipyard in Rosslau near DESSAU which have been described as the fastest boats in this class in the world have not lived up to the expectations.

The trial runs were made with boats without armament. Later it appeared that the boats are too light to carry equipment such as radio, a heavy machinegun, etc. The "wing boats" were supposed to have been used by the coast guard.

The ROSSLAU Shipyard's construction department has been ordered to start making new designs.

2. Volkswerft, STRALSUND

420 luggers have been built at Volkswerft, Stralsund, up to now. In 1957 they will only use 2 months for the completion of a lugger. In December 1956 the Volkswerft received orders

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3. The NEPTUN Shipyard, ROSTOCK

In order to keep up the continual dredging between STETTIN and SWINEMÜNDE, a special dredge that only is going to be used in this fairway has been built at the Neptun Shipyard.

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